

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An elongate joining member for bridging a gap between a first and at least a second panel, each panel having a first surface and an opposed second surface, the joining member comprising a flange member, an extension member extending from said flange member and at least one retaining member connected to said extension member, ~~said at least one retaining member being moveable relative to the extension member between a first configuration and a second configuration and wherein, in use, when in the~~ and having a first preferential configuration relative to said extension member, said at least one retaining member being moveable between said first preferential configuration and a second different configuration, and wherein in said second configuration, said at least one retaining member is insertable through said gap between the first and at least second panels, and wherein when inserted through said gap, said at least one retaining member adopts said first preferential configuration to is engageable with engage at least a portion of the second surface of each panel and wherein said flange member is engageable with at least a portion of the first surface of each panel such that said flange member substantially bridges the gap between ~~said at least~~ the first and at least second panels.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the flange member comprises a main body defined on one side by a first surface for engaging said at least a portion of the first surface of both the first and second panels and a second opposing side that presents the outward appearance of the joining member.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The joining member of claim 2 wherein, the flange member is movable from a first configuration to a second configuration.

4. (ORIGINAL) The joining member of claim 3 wherein, the flange member is movable between a substantially domed configuration to a substantially flat configuration and wherein, in the second substantially flat configuration, the first surface of the flange member is substantially flush with the two panels.
5. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the extension member is relatively straight and extends from a proximal end adjacent the flange member to a distal end.
6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the at least one retaining member comprises opposing first and second leg members each connected to and disposed at an angle relative to the extension member.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The joining member of claim 6 wherein in said first preferential configuration, the first and second leg members extend from a first end that is connected to the extension member to a second end that is ~~is-free~~ spaced from the extension member.
8. (ORIGINAL) The joining member of claim 7 wherein the second end of the first leg member is engageable with the second surface of the first panel and the second end of the second leg member is engageable with the second surface of the second panel.
9. (ORIGINAL) The joining member of claim 8 wherein the second end of the first and second leg members include a grooved or serrated face to engage the second surfaces of the panels.
10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The joining member of claim 1 when made from a resiliently flexible material.
11. (ORIGINAL) The joining member of claim 1 wherein the retaining member includes a single leg member connected to the extension member.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A panel assembly comprising at least two panels, each having a first surface, a second opposed surface and side walls, said at least two panels arranged relative to one another such that a sidewall of one panel and a sidewall of a second panel define a gap therebetween, said gap bridged by an elongate joining member comprising a flange member, an extension member extending from said flange member and at least one retaining member connected to said extension member, ~~said at least one retaining member being moveable relative to the extension member between a first configuration and a second configuration to allow insertion of said~~ and having a first preferential configuration relative to said extension member, said at least one retaining member being moveable between said first preferential configuration and a second different configuration, and wherein in said second configuration, said retaining member through is insertable into said gap and wherein ~~said at least one retaining member when inserted through said gap, said at least one retaining member adopts said first preferential configuration to engage~~ at least a portion of the second surface of each panel and wherein said flange member engages at least a portion of the first surface of each panel such that said flange member substantially bridges the gap between ~~said at least~~ the first and at least second panels.

13. (CANCELED)

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An elongate joining member for bridging a gap between a first and at least a second panel, each panel having a first surface and an opposed second surface, the joining member comprising a flange member and at least two extension members extending from said flange member, each extension member being moveable relative to each other between a first preferential configuration and a second insertion configuration and wherein, in use, when in their second configuration, said at least two extension members are insertable ~~through~~ into said gap between the first and at least second panels, at least one of said extension members further including at least one retaining member such that when said ~~the~~ at least two extension members are inserted through said gap, said extension members adopt said first preferential configuration to cause said at least one retaining member ~~is engageable with~~ to engage at least a portion of the second surface of a panel and wherein said flange member is engageable with at

least a portion of the first surface of each panel such that said flange member substantially bridges the gap between ~~said at least~~ the first and at least second panels.

15. (ORIGINAL) The joining device of claim 14 wherein the two extension members comprise two resiliently flexible legs.

16. (CANCELED)

17. (CANCELED)